

REMARKS

The application has been amended so as to place it in condition for allowance.

Previously, claims 1-15 and 21-25 were pending. This amendment cancels claim 1. The recitations of claim 24 are added to claim 22. The recitations of previously-pending claim 22 have been added to claim 25 to render claim 25 independent. Claim 24 has been cancelled.

Applicant acknowledges with appreciation that the Official Action allowed claims 2-15 and 21.

Applicant also acknowledges with appreciation that the Official Action indicated that claims 24 and 25 were directed to allowable subject matter. The recitations of allowable claim 24 have been added to independent claim 22. Therefore, independent claim 22 is believed to be allowable. Similarly, the recitations of independent claim 22 have been added to allowable claim 25. Therefore, claim 25 is believed to be allowable.

In view of the above, all of the remaining claims are believed to be allowable.

There are no formal matters outstanding.

In view of the above, applicant believes that the present application is in condition for allowance and an early indication of the same is respectfully requested.

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The Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 25-0120 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17.

Respectfully submitted,

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